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NEW MINING POLICY
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to introduce a New Mining Policy;

(b) whether the State Governments have been given any direction in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of various State Governments thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(Dr. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): The Government had announced its National Mineral Policy for non-fuel and non-atomic minerals in 1993 and it is still in operation.

In the Mid Term Appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan it has been indicated that to go into whole gamut of questions relating to development of Mineral Sector including the requirement of the infrastructure, expeditious clearance from the environmental angle and other related issues, a high level committee needs to be established.

Such a Committee, if appointed, may review the National Mineral Policy also. However, no such Committee has been constituted so far.

(b)&(c): In view of (a), do not arise.